

Veterans Millennium Health Care Act: Conference report on H.R. 2116, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of extended care services for veterans and to make other improvements in health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and **Pages H12046–56**

Leif Ericson Millennium Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 3373, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in conjunction with the minting of coins by the Republic of Iceland in commemoration of the millennium of the discovery of the New World by Leif Ericson. **Pages H12056–59**

Suspension Failed—United States Marshals Service Improvement Act: The House failed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2336, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for appointment of United States marshals by the Attorney General by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 595. **Pages H12063–64**

Multidistrict, Multiparty, Multiforum Trial Jurisdiction Act: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2112, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is transferred to retain jurisdiction over certain multidistrict litigation cases for trial, and to provide for Federal jurisdiction of certain multiparty, multiforum civil actions, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Hyde and Representatives Sensenbrenner, Coble, Conyers, and Berman. **Pages H12020**

Providing for Consideration of Suspensions: The House agreed to H. Res. 374, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules by a ye and nay vote of 214 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 590. Pursuant to the provisions of the resolution, H. Res. 342 was laid on the table. **Pages H12059–60**

Suspensions: Pursuant to H. Res. 374, Representative Thune announced suspensions to be considered by the House. **Page H12064**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Federal Labor Relations Authority: Message wherein he transmitted his annual report of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for fiscal year 1998—referred to the Committee on Government Reform; **Page H12064**

National Emergency Re Iran: Message wherein he transmitted his 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–159); and **Page H12064**

Railroad Retirement Board: Message wherein he transmitted his Annual Report of the Railroad Re-

tirement Board for fiscal year 1998—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H12064**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:59 p.m. and reconvened at 12:44 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17 **Page H12105**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight ye and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H12018, H12019, H12019–20, H12060, H12061, H12061–62, H12062–63, H12063, and H12063–64. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 12:45 a.m. on Wed. Nov. 17.

Committee Meetings

MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2000

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.J. Res. 80, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, providing one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

DRUG PB—EFFECTS ON PERSIAN GULF VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing on the possible health effects of the drug pyridostigmine bromide (PB) on veterans who served in the Persian Gulf War. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Sue Bailey, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; and Bernard D. Rostker, Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Gulf War Illnesses; Frances Murphy, M.D., Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; public witnesses; and representatives of veterans organizations.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1295)

H.J. Res. 76, waiving certain enrollment requirements for the remainder of the first session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress with respect to any bill or joint resolution making general appropriations or continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2000. Signed November 10, 1999. (P.L. 106–93)

H.J. Res. 78, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000. Signed November 10, 1999. (P.L. 106-94)

H.R. 441, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements for the admission of nonimmigrant nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas. Signed November 12, 1999. (P.L. 106-95)

H.R. 609, to amend the Export Apple and Pear Act to limit the applicability of the Act to apples. Signed November 12, 1999. (P.L. 106-96)

H.R. 915, to authorize a cost of living adjustment in the pay of administrative law judges. Signed November 12, 1999. (P.L. 106-97)

H.R. 974, to establish a program to afford high school graduates from the District of Columbia the benefits of in State tuition at State colleges and universities outside the District of Columbia. Signed November 12, 1999. (P.L. 106-98)

H.R. 2303, to direct the Librarian of Congress to prepare the history of the House of Representatives. Signed November 12, 1999. (P.L. 106-99)

H.R. 3122, to permit the enrollment in the House of Representatives Child Care Center of children of Federal employees who are not employees of the legislative branch. Signed November 12, 1999. (P.L. 106-100)

H.J. Res. 54, granting the consent of Congress to the Missouri-Nebraska Boundary Compact. Signed November 12, 1999. (P.L. 106-101)

S. 900, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential frame-

work for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers. Signed November 12, 1999. (P.L. 106-102)

H.R. 348, to authorize the construction of a monument to honor those who have served the Nation's civil defense and emergency management programs. Signed November 13, 1999. (P.L. 106-103)

H.R. 3061, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 2 years the period for admission of an alien as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(S) of such Act, and to authorize appropriations for the refugee assistance program under chapter 2 of title IV of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Signed November 13, 1999. (P.L. 106-104)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on Cuba's Links to Drug Trafficking, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, November 17, executive, briefing on the "State of the Directorate of Operations", 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.